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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods and compositions for the identification of microbial species from a variety of sources, including clinical specimens, food, environmental samples, waste or drinking water samples and industrial samples. In particularly preferred embodiments, the present invention provides a DNA "chip" containing bacterial genomic sequences arranged in a microarray for bacterial identification.

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